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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of 4/9/08, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **AMENDMENT**

Amended and New Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

A Complete "Clean Sheet" Set of Claims is presented in Appendix AA. This is a complete listing of all claims.

New Evidence described in the Remarks section is contained in the attached IDS #5.